



Bozeman Farm in Elba places in top 10 in Alabama's Farms of Distinction. May 6, 1999. Charles Bishop, Commissioner of Agriculture, Kathy Bozeman, Max Bozeman, Jerry Knowles, ALFA President and Doug Rigney, State Farm/City Director.

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to donate to a need family.

Salvation Army Begins Oklahoma Tornado Relief
Salvation Army personnel are serving meals and drinks to victims in areas devastated by tornadoes that struck the Oklahoma City area Monday and killed at least 45 people and injured hundreds in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Monetary donations are needed to help the needs of those whose lives have been destroyed. Donations marked "Disaster Relief" can be sent to The Salvation Army Oklahoma City Area Command, P.O. Box 25 516, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0516, or to your local Salvation Army, or P.O. Box 4857, Jackson, MS 39200-4857.



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SouthTrust declares quarterly dividend

The Board of Directors of SouthTrust Corporation declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$2.22 per share. The dividend is payable July 1, 1999, to stockholders of record at the close of business May 28, 1999. The company's common stock trades on The Nasdaq Stock Market.

Marines promote Fleming to rank of Corporal

Marine Cpl. William C. Fleming, son of William R. and Martha B. Fleming of Brundidge, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, Fleming, a 1988 graduate of Elba High School, joined the Marine Corps in April 1997.

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Elba BOE members briefed on emergency plans

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Thursday evening Elba school board members were given an intense detailed update on what the local school system is doing to remain prepared for any foreseeable school related emergency involving students or staff members.

Superintendent Charles Pearce took considerable time from an already long agenda of the regular monthly meeting to refresh board members on the existing policies and plans for dealing with all emergencies. He also presented them with several minor recommended policy changes for the Emergency/Safety Plan which has been in place for about three years.

The superintendent acknowledged there have been very few questions to board members or to his office since the Colorado killings, but he remained open to address safety concerns from the public.

Board members expressed their continued confidence that the administration and law enforcement officers are working to stay abreast of any potential problem and are prepared to expedite corrective action if an emergency does occur.

"Board members need to keep fresh on their minds the measures

we have taken to protect our children and staff members," Pearce said. He continued with, "We encourage our parents to inquire of board members or of the administration about the safety measures in place for the protection of their precious children." He added, "While board members and law enforcement experts have counseled us to keep certain security measures confidential, we are ready and willing to give parents and other interested citizens an overview of our plan and listen to their individual concerns."

The plan is normally reviewed and updated each year in July, but discussions in several staff meetings held immediately following the recent events in Colorado, and other places, spotlighted some needed amendments and school administrators opted to review and submit minor revisions on the plan early.

The superintendent reminded board members that the Elba plan already meets or exceeds all state department standards and has been used by several administrators as a model for creating a workable plan in other Alabama school systems.

A Crisis Planning Team is in place for each Elba school. It includes various staff members, law enforcement and court officials, emergency personnel, a school board member, school counselor, one student, one parent and community leaders. They hold scheduled meetings and are available for special planning meetings if needed.

The Elba Emergency/Safety plan details the proper reaction to many emergencies, including auto or bus accidents, fire and severe weather, handling individuals with health emergencies (on and off campus), missing persons, unauthorized per-

sons on campus, drug possession and/or use, bomb threats, hostage situations, assaults on students or staff, emergency communications within the schools, buses and with law enforcement. A 51 point check list, which must be submitted to the state department of education each year, shows the Elba school system has a documented plan to address the various problems addressed by the state check list. The Elba campus graded positive on all 51 check points.

Any student moving in the halls, corridors, gym, etc. between classes must have a hall pass. This policy is enforced by the entire staff, according to the superintendent. All visitors must clear through the school office, both when they arrive and when they leave.

A "no tolerance" policy on drug possession and use is strictly enforced. Violation of this policy is grounds for immediate suspension from school, followed by board hearing for expulsion. A "no fight" policy is actively enforced and a "Gun Free Schools" policy will lead to expulsion immediately for any student found with a gun on campus.

The student handbook spells out a strict dress code for students and strictly prohibits wearing of anything which might be considered "gang related." The written policy gives administrators wide discretion to deal with emerging gang dress, markings or other symbols.

There are charged fire extinguishers throughout the building which are routinely checked by staff members. Panic bars on all outside doors are in full compliance with fire and safety codes. Fire drills are conducted regularly in the buildings and the results reviewed. Bus evacuation

plans are posted in every bus and students are given instructions on how to follow the plan in case of emergency. This too is covered in random, surprise evacuation drills.

At least three staff members in each school are certified in administering CPR if a person has a sudden breathing emergency while on the school grounds.

The school campus is an "open campus" and fully in compliance with the American Dependency Act (ADA) and local code requirements, allowing public use of the grounds, etc. However, plans are in place to install lockable gates at both campus entrances if it becomes necessary or practical, according to Section 16 of the policy. Pearce explained that many people currently enjoy getting their regular walking exercises on the campus in the mornings, evenings and on weekends and the idea of an open campus is desirable as long as possible. He assured board members that there is a plan in place for continuous monitoring of all visitors.

The system of communication already in place throughout the school system is state of the art, explained the superintendent. There is communication between the offices and all individual classrooms and to law enforcement officers, each of which can be activated from the

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Commissioners zip through short agenda

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting in its regular bi-monthly day session wasted little time in zipping through a relatively short agenda.

County Engineer Randy Tindell led off the meeting with several recommendations and requests that required action by the commissioners.

First, annual bids on supplying the county highway department with steel - both plain and coated - were opened and reviewed.

Low bidder on both types of pipe was Gulf - Atlanta - Culvert, Incorporated of Tallahassee, FL. Their bid was 59.9 percent below list prices calculated by department personnel.

Assistant Engineer Marty Lentz explained that the list prices on the various sizes and types of steel pipe (coated and plain) were arrived at by taking price lists from all the pipe vendors and calculating an average price thus creating a "county price list." Bid requests were then sent out to all vendors on the county's steel pipe bid list with a request that they submit a bid based on a percentage discount on the "county's list price."

In other highway department related matters, Tindell requested a resolution initializing the plans to resurface Co. Rd. 460 with federal aid funds. He was granted permission to proceed with the necessary paperwork to do so.

He also requested that bid requests be sent out for the repair of the undercarriage on the D-8 dozer which is used at the county's landfill. This was approved by commissioners.

Several months ago the commission took bids on a used excavator (less than 500 hours of use) with a stipulation that the county would use the price of equipment for a period of up to six months to see if it was a good machine before purchasing it.

"It is now time to either pay for the machine or turn it back in," Tindell told commissioners.

He explained that the rent which has been paid on the machine will be applied, as stipulated in the bid, toward the purchase price. Following his recommendation to purchase, the commissioners voted to do so.

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POLICE MEMORIAL DAY...Elba Mayor James E. Grimes has proclaimed the week of May 9 through May 15 as Police Officers' Week in Elba with Police Memorial Day being observed on Saturday, May 15. He asks that all citizens take this opportunity to express their appreciation to the men and women who are willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard us and our loved ones against all who would threaten our peace. They are the guardians of the public's life and property, the defenders of the individual right to be free, warriors in the battle against crime, and are dedicated to the preservation of life and property. Pictured above is Mayor Grimes (seated right) signing the proclamation with Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth (seated left), D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair (standing left), and Lt. Freddy Hanchey looking on.

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that his cell will be used to place debris from construction and demolition sites. The following fees were approved by the commission: \$13 per ton for in-county individuals and contractors; and \$15 per ton for out-of-county individuals and contractors.

The general business session from commissioners sparked a little discussion and two motions that died for lack of a second.

First, Commissioner Len Averett made a motion that the paving crew be increased by six to eight individuals and funds be moved from the general fund to the highway department for the purchase of two dump trucks, an escalator and a motor-grader.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley commented that this would deplete the county of any reserves in the general fund plus some.

Commissioner Robert Stephens asked if the motion could be discussed before it was seconded as required by Roberts' Rules of Order. He said, "I'm all for it. I would have seconded his motion but I feel that at this time we need to discuss it and I understand that we have equipment that we are not using now."

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis, in response to Stephens' question, said, "Mr. Stephens you should know better than me whether you can discuss it before a second."

Averett's motion died for the lack of a second.

Another motion dying for lack of a second was made by Commissioner Bernest Brooks. He asked that Lenwood Heron be named grants manager for Coffee County.

"Mr. Brooks, I believe we need to discuss this more and find out how this is going to affect other people who write grants for us," said Chairman Lewis. "We really haven't discussed this enough. This is why I'm sure - you didn't get a second to your motion."

In other matters of business, the commission took the following actions:

***Appointed Commissioners Tom Grimley and Robert Stephens to work with the Enterprise Economic Development Corporation Board in reconstituting

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SCHOOLS

Angel Food

by Matt Dunn
Mrs. Joan Hobbs' fourth period home economics students have been perfecting their skills in making angel food cake this week. Mrs. Hobbs tells us her secrets of making this extremely delicious desert. Make sure that your stove keeps a constant temperature, no peeking in on the cake. Don't use any kind of fat, and by all means don't use any egg yolks. If you follow these guidelines you can make a simply divine dessert as well.

Mrs. Hobbs was gracious enough to share her recipe with us.
Mrs. Hobbs Angel Food Cake
1 cup flour
3/4 cup plus 2 teaspoons sugar
12 egg whites
1 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
Heat your oven to 375 degrees. Stir together the flour and the first amount of sugar, set aside.
In a large mixing bowl beat your egg whites, cream of tartar, and salt until foamy. Add second amount of sugar, 2 table spoons at a time, beating on high speed until meringue holds stiff peaks. Gently fold flavoring.
Sprinkle flour-sugar mixture 1/4 cup at a time over meringue, folding in gently just until flour-sugar mixture disappears. Push batter into ungreased tube pan, 10"x4". Gently cut through batter.
Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until top springs back when touched lightly with finger. Invert tube pan on funnel, let hang until cake is completely cool.
If desired, top the cake with glaze or frosting, butter rum glaze or cinnamon whipped cream.

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Miss Zion Chapel Crowned

by Cristy Houston
The 1999-2000 Miss, Junior Miss, Little Miss, and Future Little Miss Pageant was held on April 24, 1999 in the high school gym.
The new Miss Zion Chapel is Tara Renee Grant. She is the sixteen year old daughter of Randy and Anita Grant. She won written communications and interview categories.
The first alternate is Jill Nicole Inwright. She is the sixteen year old daughter of Edward and Nikki Inwright. Jill won evening gown, photographic, and verbal communications categories.
The new Junior Miss Zion Chapel is Kacy Clark. She is the daughter of Wallace and June Clark. Kacy won the interview category as well as the photographic category. Heather Golden is the first alternate. The second alternate is Ashley Wambles. Ashley was also chosen as the winner of the evening gown category.

The new Little Miss is Erika Mount. She was chosen as the pageant dress category winner and the photographic category winner. The first alternate is Marla Hood. She won the interview competition. Second alternate is Heather Hines. The new Future Little Miss is Morgan Allen. The first alternate is Aspen Mauldin. Aspen won the interview competition. Kelli Behrens is the second alternate. She was also chosen winner in the pageant dress category. The third alternate is Taylor Faulkner. She was chosen as the photographic category winner.
Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to Tara and Erika in the Miss Peanut Pageant.

Annual Staff Has Ad Sale

by Alkha Walker
The annual staff recently sold ads to raise money for the Rebel 99 yearbook.
The annual staff members divided into groups and went to Elba and Brundidge. Michelle McIntosh, Alisha Walker, Carissa Walker, Kendra Ward, and Angie Laney went to Brundidge. Chan Grantham, Blake Weeks, Josh Faircloth, Bo Adkison, Paige Hudson, Cristy Houston, and Charlie Maddox went to Elba. Matt Dunn and John Arnold also went to Elba. Their assignment was to go by

the businesses on the square. The groups tried to go by every business and store.
The ads come in various sizes. The sizes are a full page for \$250; one half page for \$125; one fourth page for \$75; one eighth page for \$50; or one sixteenth page for \$35. The business can put their logo, business card, letterhead, or whatever they wish on the ad.
The annual staff would like to thank all owners and managers of businesses and stores in the area who purchased an ad for REBEL 99.

South Alabama Rural Electric Youth Tour

Recently, John Arnold attended the 1999 South Alabama Rural Electric Youth Tour in Montgomery. The Youth Tour was held April 15-17. John was one of the more than 80 students attending the Youth Tour.

While there, John took tours of the State Capitol, Old Alabama Town, Civil Rights Monument, Little House of the Confederacy, and the Alabama Department of Archives and History. John also attended AREA meetings and Energy Bowls. In the Energy Bowls, participants earned points for correctly answering questions concerning electricity and the electric co-op's.

John said, "The experience of learning I achieved on the Youth Tour about my state was great. I learned things I never knew and met friends who will be in my life for a great number of years. I would like to thank Mr. Richard Littleton and the South Alabama Electric Company for giving me the opportunity to be in the Youth Tour."



"Tour was a learning experience"

Rebel News Briefs

FOURTH GRADE TAKES A FIELD TRIP

by Michelle McIntosh
The fourth graders at Zion Chapel Elementary School made a field trip to Montgomery. They visited the First White House of the Confederacy and the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

The First White House of the Confederacy is the house where Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederacy, lived during the Civil War. The students were able to see letters, articles of clothing, furniture, and other interesting things from that era.
At the Department of Archives and History, the students were able to see artifacts from various Indian tribes. The students also took a Nineteenth Century Tour where they saw many interesting historical items. They also saw the Bible that is used to swear in each of our governors.

SALUTE!!

Tessellations

by John Arnold
Do you like art? Are you a Picasso lover? Well the Zion Chapel High School mathematics teachers undertook a form of art and math to teach their students. This art-math form of teaching is known as tessellations.

Tessellation means the act or art of forming small squares or blocks, as on floors or pavements; to form or arrange in a checked or mosaic pattern. In forming a tessellation simply take a matrix, which is a square with the same number of sides (i.e. 3 x 3, 4 x 4, 5 x 5). Draw two separate lines (don't use straight lines) through the matrix and then put each side in opposite positions. Next, erase the inside lines and copy the shape until your paper is full.

TSU NEWS

TSU announces Collegiate Singers & Alumni Spring Songfest

The Troy State University Department of Music will hold its annual Collegiate Singers and Alumni Spring Songfest on May 15 at 6 p.m. in the Smith Hall auditorium. The Songfest will be part of the Sound of the South, Alumni and Friends Family Weekend, May 14-15. The weekend will include events such as the Alumni and Friends Ball, golf tournament, ladies brunch, child care and youth activities and an alumni and friends band performance. The Songfest is an event featuring performances by the Troy State University Collegiate Singers, the Madrigals and the Troy State University Gospel choir.

ESJC HAPPENINGS

Commencement Ceremony...

Enterprise State Junior College's 33rd Annual Commencement Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. on the campus' front lawn. Alabama Supreme Court Justice Ralph Cook will address the graduates. Families and friends are encouraged to arrive prior to 6:15 p.m. to allow parking and seating time.

*Summer Registration... open at Enterprise State Junior College. Classes begin May 27 for full-term and first mini-term. Students interested in attending the second mini-term may go ahead and register for the classes which will begin July 6.

*Youth College... will be held on both main and Ft. Rucker campuses for children in Grades 3-8. Courses will include: "Mom, I Blew Up the Science Lab," "In the Pottery Shoppe," and "Art Factory." Main campus session - June 14 - 18, registration deadline: June 9. Ft. Rucker campus - July 12 - 16, registration deadline: July 7. Registration fee - \$20. Additional supply fees for three classes on ONE campus will receive a free Youth College T-shirt.

Registration at ESJC Administration Building, Enterprise; or ESJC office at Ft. Rucker Bldg. 4502 on Kingsman St. No phone registrations.

Parents MUST bring child's Social Security number for registration, with fees due at this time. Grade levels refer to grade child will enter in fall 1999. For more information, call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234, Enterprise; or 334/598-3438, Ft. Rucker.

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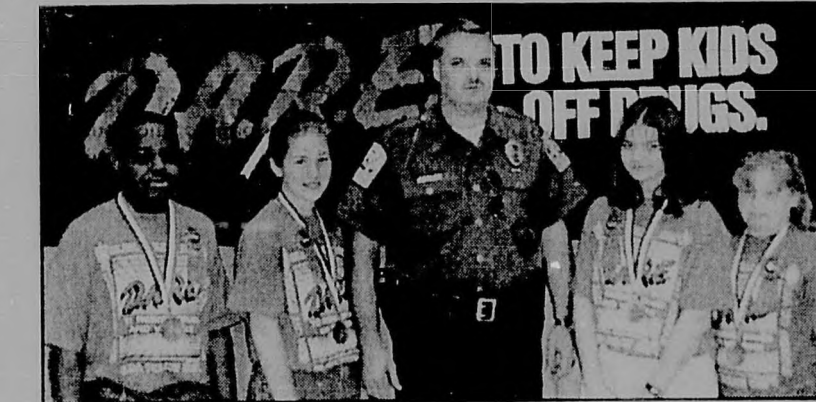
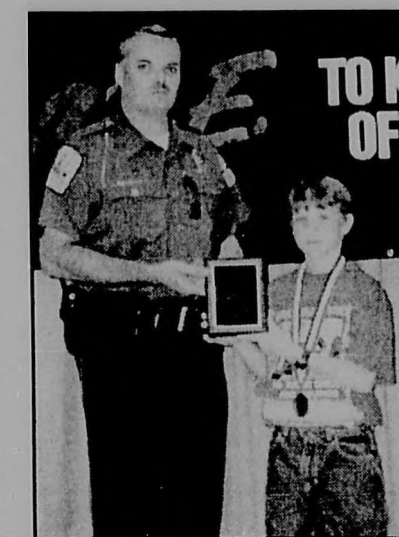
D.A.R.E. Graduation Held

During D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Graduation Exercises on Monday, May 3, 1999, Alex Benbow was presented the D.A.R.E. Outstanding Achievement Award by D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was State Representative Terry Spicer.

He challenged the youth to take full advantage of these formative years in building their character into something they, and others, can be proud of in the future.

Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, Inv. Johnny Senn, and Principal Mickey McCollough participated in the program.



D.A.R.E. Essay Winners pictured above are (l-r): Johnathon Lockett, Cameron Irwin, Officer Blair (presenter) Ashley Gibson, and Melissa Beck.



D.A.R.E. Sunshine Award winners pictured above are (l-r): Lindsay Lawford, Mallory Allen, and Ashton Grimes. Officer Blair (presenter) in the background.



Outstanding Class participants pictured above are (l-r): front row - Kristen Barnes, Casey Cooper, and Autumn Parker; back row - Officer Blair, Quran Warren and Dusty Watson.

Elba High Seniors '99's Last Will & Testaments

Mark J. Wicker: Wear sunscreen!

Lee Alan English: I, Lee English, being of sound mind leave my front row parking place to Evan Maddox so maybe he won't be tardy every morning, my reserved booth at Hardee's to next year's journalism staff and my ability to leave school to anyone who wants it.

Glenn Alan Davis: I leave my drumsticks to Basley and the camera to Journalism.

Pernell Terry: I would say my parking space but I never paid for it.

Bucky Carline: I leave my 94 Mustang to Bethany Dye, my 72 Dodge Challenger to Randy Beach, my Star Wars stuff to Justin Maddox, my Star Trek stuff to James Ward, my Model A to Wesley Kelley, my Bible to Leslie Stinson, my Beanie Babies to Melissa Gratham, my Beanie Babies to Lucy, my Bible to Stephen Adcock and my Love Forever to my Momma.

Adam Brookins: I, Adam Brookins, leave my locker to whoever wants a broke one. I leave my first base skills to Britt Grimes and my basketball skills to Wayne Reed. I leave my English notebook to Dustin Stinson. I leave a "kicked in" cooler and a busted window to Pete Manning. And last but not least, my tardies to Mr. Dunn, picture me rollin'.

Phil Schindler: I, Phil Schindler, being of unsound mind and body, leave to Patrick "Rudy" Tyson my never ending lunch to The freshmen class - my corrupted ways, And to Pete Manning I leave my ricko suave ways. Keep it real ya'll.

Tracy Amanda Skipper: Robert Lee, I leave all my friendships to Ruby Owens, Ms. Howard, Lora, Regina, Renee, Nicky, Tiny and my family.

Josh Prettyman: To the teachers, good luck in the years to come and to the students, live it up but try to make good grades.

Lance Boutwell: I, Lance Boutwell, plan to leave my ways to take the ladies to Ruston Moore. I leave my corrupted mind to the freshmen class. I leave my cooler to Brandon Salter. I leave my driving abilities to Zeke Prettyman. For everybody else keep it real at EHS.

Kevin Dodd: I leave my height to Tim Ware, my second base skills to Zel Daniels, I leave my funnel to Britt Grimes and the rest of EHS just keep it real.

Kabirasha Tyson: I leave all my pimping skill to all the wanna be female players. Ya'll don't know anyone that rocked Elba High School like me. To all the Junior Girls, I leave my English notes from Mr. Tucker and the bathroom on the Senior hall. And to all my teachers that I gave trouble to, I apologize (NOT). To Menda, I leave you the knowledge of pimping take over-love you Brasha.

Michael Goodwin: To this school I leave my books. I leave this advice to the rest of the student body have fun in school, but take it seriously-high school will impact your life more than anything else. Oh and one other thing - don't give your teachers too much trouble.

Julie Elizabeth Roberson: I, Julie, hereby leave my ability to leave the house at 7:40 and still make it to school on time to person who drives a car, my ability to endure the stress of basketball season to any varsity cheerleader, leave Emilee the ability to have a good time even though me, Elizabeth and Laura will be gone next year and a map to Auburn. I also leave Vaughan Boyd my leadership skills. And to any next year seniors to have the best year ever.

Jawaune Hughes: May God bless all of you and answer your prayers. And as long as you have good on your side, you can't go wrong!

Deana Gilford: To the journalism staff next year-I leave all those deadlines that must be met and all those ads to sell. To Emilee Benbow, I leave my ability to layout a DPS. To Stephanie Williams-I leave Josh Lawford because he ain't no good anyways! (Smile). And to the rest of the underclassmen at EHS-I leave my ability to make every moment count.

Eric Jordan: Give all my sports Jersey's to somebody good.

Laura Delaine Crowe: I leave my parking space to my little sister, Katie. My journalism spot to Emilee Benbow, my "Senioritis" to Melissa Gratham, and my school spirit to the student body! Go Tigers!

Dana Murdock: I leave my calculus skills to Leslie Stinson, my game with the ladies to Salter, my winning ways to Sammie Hill and Wayne Reed in hopes that they can be half as good as we were this year. I leave the juniors a little Senioritis, and I leave the journalism class next year a sense of humor and some good will!

Shinecia Shaunte Daniels: I leave my intelligence to Keshia and Tyesha (Ya'll gone need it if ya'll want to graduate). I leave, my prom to Melissa from last block (It's too bad ya'll had to pick the rotten one). I leave my ambition to my cousin Tim (keep your head up). To the juniors, I leave a few words of wisdom: "Ya'll the one's that don't know, And last but not least to Triple 7. Ya'll wish ya'll was this lucky."

Diana Lynn Jackson: To Natasha Bannin, I leave my position on the journalism staff, to Monique Ordon, I leave my parking space. To Jeremy Sasser I leave my ability to write research papers. To Benbow I leave my knowledge of journalism stuff. To Brad Holley I leave all my country cds. To Chris Sasser I leave my intelligence and to the rest of the school, I leave my pride at EHS.

Brian Luckett: Go out with a blast!

Latasha Kyles: To the upcoming seniors of 2000, make the best of your year and at the end and go out with a bang!

Detria Jones: I leave LaGena Mack my basketball skills and the Varsity Girls a successful season.

Paige Bryan: I leave Cynthia Willis my books and work. I leave Deonnie Flowers my locker and I leave Jennifer Dyer my loud voice.

Anna Powell: To my brother Aaron: have fun these next few years, they go by so fast. Be good, but have fun. Don't wear out too many paddles. To Jimbo: I'm leaving you my sweetness and my ability to make it to class on time. I'm going to miss walking down the halls with you between each class. Be good and be sweet. Love always, your girl. To my older brother, Ryan: I'm leaving you in charge of taking care of Aaron. It's a hard job and I'm trusting you to handle it.

Jessica Michelle Parks: I, Jessica Parks, leave to Heather Watkins my ability to cook. I leave to Angie Crocker all my frogs. To Tami Robinson, I leave Hermie. To my true love, I leave my special gift. To Curt, I leave all my wishes. To Ronald and Lowayne Parks, I leave

my good times. Finally to my family, I leave all my questions.

Carol L. Ware: I, Carol L. Ware, leave to all the underclassmen, my great sense of humor and my fantastic personality. To Danae, I leave a lot of patience and for you to enjoy these last few years because they go by so fast.

Telesha Patrice Daniels: To Tyesha, I leave you my ability to come to school a full week. To Melissa K. and Rachel, I leave my basketball skills. To Stephanie Williams, I leave you my mentality because you know great minds think alike. To the basketball and softball teams, I wish you guys luck. Last but not least, to the students of Elba High, I wish that you have as many wonderful memories throughout the rest of your school career as I've had.

Elizabeth Stephens: I, Elizabeth Stephens, hereby leave Melissa Gratham better driving skills, all my Cliff Notes for AP English and plenty of patience to deal with our family - alone. I leave Emilee Benbow my seat at the at the supper table at her "second home", anything I leave behind in my room, and the respect I have taught you to have for teachers! To Mrs. Bailey, I hope you find a student as bright as me to fill my shoes. As for the Class of 2000, may you have the ability to survive one more memory-filled year at EHS!

Casey Marie Henderson: I, Casey Henderson, leave Kim Ward all the country roads and all the pride for the band. To Emilee Q., I leave the hump and the United States Postal Service. To my best friend, Leanne, I leave everyone I have ever liked and all the trouble I can get into. To Gunter, I leave my part to First Suite for Band. To my brother, Adam, I leave EHS and the many memories he will make here. To Blake, I leave my 1987 Blazer to get to school on, maybe you can get to school in one piece. To my Splackaville, Josh Lawford, I leave my cd collection and my ability to pick up my friends. To my brother, I leave my pride and a pan of my music ability. Also I leave her a certain someone in New Brockton. And to the band, I leave many successes and lots of pride!

Emily Elizabeth Bryan: To one of my Very Best Friends, Valerie Moore, I leave my "Dancing Pole" and all my Friday night roddiness! To my Boyfriend, Josh Lawford, I leave directions to my trailer in

Troy! To a Lifelong friend and partner in crime, Carson Waters, I leave my ability to get in trouble and stay in trouble! To the Meanest Friend I have, Ross Adkison, I leave my "tractor" to go mudding on and my wonderful driving abilities! To all the underclassmen, I leave you the ability to realize that these really are the best days of your life!

Rhonda Stallard: I leave Cynthia opportunity! To the class of 2000, enjoy it while it lasts.

Brandi Harrison: To the seniors of '00 have fun with your classmates while your here because the year flies by so fast. Have fun! It's your last year so make it count!

Shanille Lorraine Rowe: I, Shanille L. Rowe, of sound mind and body, leave the entire school the will to follow the GOLDEN RULE I.

Angie Crocker: I, Angie Crocker, being of sound body and mind want to leave behind my head and all my worldly possessions to the only person that I will ever truly love. For he has given me a love that I will never forget or regret and I would just like to show him that I really do truly love him. He will always man more to me than all of my material possessions. He is my everything and I just want him to have everything that I hold dear-just to show him that I would give up my whole world even my life just to make him happy. He knows that I will always love him and that I will always have him and that I will always have a little piece of him with me.

I would also leave to Jessica Parks, the secrets of my life, and the truth and knowledge of why I lived my life for my true love. For she is the only person who good up for him and forced me to believe in him, I also want to leave my humor and happy nature to Heather Watkins for she has a long life ahead of her and she will need to laugh just to keep from crying.

Reese Grantham: I, Reese Grantham, leave my Drum Major position to Ashley Hurreston. They are a handful, but I know you will love it. I leave my free tank of gas a month to my brother and also EHS- you will have a great time! To the band, I leave you pride and ambition so that you can reach your dreams (I also leave you the ability to put up with me. Ellis). To Kim, I leave my drawer! And to all of my friends I'm leaving behind, I am leaving you each other. Take care of each other and I love you!

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By Ricky Mularz

Spring is now here, and for the girls at the Mularz house that means it is time to buy shorts, tank tops, tennis shoes and sandals that go along with the rest of the new cooler wardrobe. The shorts and tops cost about as much as jeans and other long pants, but at least the sandals and other tennis shoes aren't that high. It still amazes me that clothes never last from one year to the next, no matter what the size!

ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Lady Tigers saw their softball season come to an end last week when they were eliminated from the Section Tournament. The Lady Tigers were forced to settle for a fourth place finish in the tourney after winning two games in four tries, and fell short for the second straight year of advancing on to the Sub-State round. The Lady Tigers closed out their season with a 17-17 record, and while 34 games was a lot of games to play, the 17 wins tell far short of the number of wins the girls were hoping for. With one freshman, two sophomores and six juniors in the starting line-up, maybe next season will be the one in which the Lady Tigers break through and pile up the wins.

*** The Elba Tigers began spring football practice last week and early reports were that the number of players participating was up from years past, giving the Tiger fans hope that better days are indeed ahead. The abbreviated spring practice won't help a lot for either the coaches or players, but it will give everyone involved a chance to get to know each other and what to expect during the off-season. Hopefully a new spirit will emerge during the two weeks of work and will carry over through summer work-outs and into the season. Only time will tell.

*** The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks swept through three games without a loss last week to win the Class 2A, Section 2 Tournament. The Lady Gamecocks started off the season playing a lot of JV games, due to the youth and in-experience of the players, but the girls quickly grew up and last weekend all the hard work paid off. Good job girls, you should all be proud of your accomplishment.

*** I talked with Kinston's Amelia Rhoades last weekend and she assured me that she would return next season as the athletic director and girls coach at Kinston High School. Coach Rhoades did admit that she too had heard the rumors about her retirement, but said she would return and would be just as demanding as ever. Good news for the folks in Kinston, and bad news for her opponents.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its bulletin for March-April last week, and while looking through the bulletin I noticed that while only three proposals were approved at the recent legislative meeting, a total of 11 proposals were approved by the member schools. It is the legislative council, and not the schools, that make the changes in the association guidelines. However, it now seems that the member schools are becoming more vocal, and feel there are many changes that should be addressed. A few of the proposals that were approved by the schools, but failed to get the final "OK" from the council included - Teams be allowed to play a four quarter jamboree in the fall, just as is permitted in the spring; Leaving the first and last weeks of football schedule open to allow scheduling rivalries, instead of regular games; To limit junior high and junior varsity basketball games that precede girls or boys varsity games to six minute quarters. To allow fast-pitch softball teams to have twenty playing days instead of twenty games; To allow seventh and eighth graders at a junior high or middle school that feeds only one high school to participate in junior varsity or varsity athletics at that high school; To move the starting dates back one week following the reclassification period in football, cross country, volleyball and swimming. That all private schools be exempt from playing for the public school state championships on the basis that those private schools have open enrollment policies and charge a tuition fee to attend their schools; That a playoff system be adopted statewide that would separate private and public schools; and, That legislation be passed by a 60 percent majority of Legislative Council and the representatives of each school district should be mandated to vote in the same proportion and their school districts. One change that was approved by the Council, which received no publicity, was that no major changes in the starting dates of sports would be approved without first approval by a vote of the schools.

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End season with 17-17 record

Elba Lady Tigers ousted at Sectional Tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their softball season come to an abrupt end last week in the Class 3A, Section 2 Softball Tournament, in Laverne, as they were eliminated after four games and fell short of earning a sub-state berth.

The Lady Tigers claimed wins over Laverne 7-6 and Calhoun 7-0. **Capps fires 75 at Lagoon**

Elba golfers close out winning season on links

The Elba High School golf team wrapped up a very busy season recently, and Coach Lynn Weeks stated he was "proud of the team for their dedication and hard work."

"This year's team had a better scoring average than any team over the past five years," added Weeks, "and did well through the season despite having four players in either the seventh or eighth grade. Mark Wicker was the lone senior on the team, but he will be greatly missed. Mark was not only an excellent golfer, but a strong leader for the younger players on the team. Sophomore Clay Suley turned in some low scores during the season and was consistent no matter where we played, while Colby Capps was an amazing golfer as a seventh grader, and Derrick Thomas, Justin Allen and Bart Barnes all showed improvement throughout the season. If these younger players will remain dedicated and work hard on their games, Elba High should be a contender for a state title in just a few years!"

Elba to host girls softball tournaments on May 21-22

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host a "Youth Softball Tournament" on Friday and Saturday, May 21-22, at Hawkins Williams Park, in Elba, for all area girls softball teams.

The tournament will be for league teams only, and there will be no entry fee! Tournament divisions

Troy State to host summer baseball camps for youth

The Troy State University baseball camps will be as follows: Hitting Camp, June 5, Northview High School (ages 8-18); Pitcher/Catcher Camp, June 6, Dothan (ages 8-18); Hitting Camp, June 12, at TSU (ages 8-18); Pitcher/Catcher Camp, June 13,

Strawder makes it two straight in SAS race action

By Mark Chisum

Ronnie Strawder won the Sportsman Feature on Saturday, May 1, at the South Alabama Speedway, to claim his second straight checkered flag in the highly competitive class.

The previous week Strawder led flag-to-flag, but in his most recent win the crafty driver had to come from the #7 starting position and moved past car after car before moving into second place on lap #8. One lap later he moved inside leader Jim Walker on the back stretch in turn three and then held off Heath Mills to take the win. Mills placed second, while Terry Davis placed third in his best race of the season. Joey Watkins returned to SAS in a new ride and finished fourth, and Ricky Hartsell survived hitting the wall on the initial start to place fifth.

In Super Stock action, Rick Northey got past Jeremy Sumrall on a lap 19 restart when Sumrall slipped coming into the green flag. Sumrall held off Royce Johnston for second, while Tommy Adams came from the tenth starting position to finish fourth. James Napper placed fifth.

Rege Hellett took the checkered flag in the IMCA Modified Feature, holding off the challenge of Jeff Rudd and Marty Roels. David Smith held the lead for the first 12 laps, but Hellett, Rudd and

but lost to Slocumb 8-5 and Laverne 14-6, to end the season with a 17-17 record.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

ELBA 7 LUVERNE 6

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the

tournament with an exciting 7-6 win over Laverne, in eight innings. The Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 6-1 lead behind the hitting of Melissa Mularz, Roshanda McKinnon, Melissa Mularz and Leslie Stinson all got 2 hits for the Lady Tigers.

SLOCUMB 8 ELBA 5

The Elba Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 5-1 lead, but then failed to score again as the Slocumb Lady Red Tops rallied for an 8-5 win. Elba jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the top of the third inning behind the clutch hitting of Vaughan Boyd, Leslie Stinson, Melissa Mularz and Raean McCollough, but managed only 3 hits over the final four innings as Slocumb rallied to grab the win. Vaughan Boyd, Melissa Mularz and Raean McCollough all got 2 hits for the Lady Tigers.

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*****D'BACKS 12 ZC YANKEES 5** - The ZC Yankees saw an early lead vanish as the Highland Home Diamondbacks rallied to post a 12-5 win. The ZC Yankees owned a 5-4 lead after four innings, but failed to score again as the D'Backs rallied for the win. Sam Wambles got 1 hit and scored 2 runs for the ZC Yankees.

Griffin added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Jody McCormick scored 3 runs.

*****ELBA 13 ASTROS 3** - Elba continued on its early-season roll with a 13-3 win over the Laverne Astros. Elba jumped out to an early 12-0 lead and rolled to the easy win. Kyle English and Trent Baker both got 2 hits for Elba, while Matthew Curran scored 3 runs. White got 2 hits to lead the Astros.

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*****D'BACKS 12 ZC YANKEES 5** - The ZC Yankees saw an early lead vanish as the Highland Home Diamondbacks rallied to post a 12-5 win. The ZC Yankees owned a 5-4 lead after four innings, but failed to score again as the D'Backs rallied for the win. Sam Wambles got 1 hit and scored 2 runs for the ZC Yankees.

Griffin added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Jody McCormick scored 3 runs.

*****ELBA 13 ASTROS 3** - Elba continued on its early-season roll with a 13-3 win over the Laverne Astros. Elba jumped out to an early 12-0 lead and rolled to the easy win. Kyle English and Trent Baker both got 2 hits for Elba, while Matthew Curran scored 3 runs. White got 2 hits to lead the Astros.

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Work release inmates provide more than 1,700 hours of service

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

The number of service hours provided on community projects by Department of Corrections inmates from the Elba Work Release facility reflected an increase during the month of April.

A total of 221 inmates worked for 1,743 hours on projects in Elba, Enterprise, Daleville and Kinston and with the Alabama Forestry Commission, according to Dewayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work

Release facility.

Agencies other than the Alabama Forestry Commission requesting assistance from the work release were: City of Elba, Elba Recycling, Elba Police Department, Elba High School, Adopt-A-Mile Program, Enterprise National Guard, Daleville National Guard, City of Daleville, Town of Kinston, Elba National Guard and the Elba Recreation Department.

Of the 12 agencies, the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, City of Daleville and Town of Kinston were

assisted by 111 inmates in general labor projects. The 32 inmates who assisted the City of Elba also helped with street work, and the 8 inmates who assisted the Town of Kinston helped with garbage pickup.

49 inmates assisted the National Guards of Enterprise, Daleville and Elba with maintenance and cleaning projects. 61 of the 221 inmates were used as follows: 19 inmates cleaned and washed cars for the Elba Police Dept., two inmates cleaned the grounds at Elba High

School, five inmates picked up paper for the Adopt-A-Mile program, 29 inmates cleaned state parks for the Alabama Forestry Commission and six inmates cleaned the pool for the Elba Recreation Dept.

According to the information provided by Estes, the 1,743 hours of service provided by the 221 inmates from the Elba Work Release during April equaled a dollar value of \$8,976.45.



Dorsey Trailers, Inc. of Elba joins the Coffee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society in the fight to find a cure for cancer by becoming a Diamond Sponsor for this year's Relay for Life to be held May 14. LaWanda Grill (L), Relay for Life Committee Member, accepts a check from Roxie Doster (R), Cost Estimating Manager of Dorsey Trailers.

Senator Holley seeks to create senior trust fund for Alabama

State Senator Jimmy Holley, D-Elba, has introduced and passed legislation in the Alabama Senate that would, if now approved by the House of Representatives and signed by the governor, create the "Alabama Senior Services Trust Fund."

The "Alabama Senior Services Trust Fund" would expand the delivery of services to the elderly population in Alabama by making more funds available to the Alabama Commission on Aging. It would appropriate \$10 million annually to the Trust Fund from proceeds of the State of Alabama

Tobacco Settlement. The Trust Fund would be administered by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Retirement Systems of Alabama. Earnings from the fund would remain in the fund for the first four years after which time 85% of the earnings would be appropriated to the Alabama Commission on Aging. 15% of the fund's earnings each year would be retained in the trust fund and would be reinvested just as other monies are invested.

The Alabama Commission on Aging and the Area Agencies on Aging currently provide services in aging, transportation, senior cen-

ters and Medicaid Waiver. There is 31% state share to 69% federal share on all monies in the Medicaid Waiver program and over 1000 slots remain unfilled due to a lack of funds. The measure was approved by the full Senate yesterday and now goes to the House.

"The Alabama Commission on Aging use the monies appropriated to them now to match available federal funds. We are losing close to \$5 million each year in Federal funds and hopefully this trust fund will enable the Commission to maximize the monies that we have available for the care of our elderly in this

state," Holley stated. "Our senior population is expected to double within the next 30 years, making it even more imperative that we do something now to ensure that our state agencies have the resources to handle the expected growth."

"The Commission on Aging and their 13 local agencies render invaluable services to our most deserving senior citizenry," Holley said, "and it is my hope that the House will act quickly so that we do not continue to leave almost \$5 million on the table."



Kleinert's of Elba shows its commitment to help find a cure for cancer by becoming a Silver Sponsor of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Coffee County. Pictured is Bud Danford, plant manager of Kleinert's, presenting the company's check for this worthy cause.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting to be held May 20 in Geneva

Lamar Beck, a Geneva County historian, will speak on the history of the county during a noon May 20 luncheon meeting of members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, to be held in Geneva's Devo Restaurant. Chapter President Richard A. Kemp II said this is the first meeting in

Geneva in some time but chapter members may be asked soon to vote on meeting in the community at least twice a year.

All men who have a Revolutionary War ancestor and who desire to learn more about qualifying for membership in the national patriotic society are welcome to attend.

Wives and guests also are welcome. Any Geneva or Coffee County resident who plans to attend is asked to notify Patriotist Jack Bryan, meeting coordinator, at 684-9327.

The century-old SAR is dedicated to the preservation of the history and heritage of our nation as it was formed during the last quarter of the

18th Century. In a continuing education program, local chapters bring various programs to their communities such as the on-going George Washington Bicentennial celebration, award of medals to high school ROTC units and oratorical and essay contests for young people.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Elba is planning to hold a public hearing on May 13, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Old National Guard Armory on Claxton Ave. The hearing is being held to discuss Elba's plan to make a second application to FEMA for a Hazard Mitigation program. The hearing will cover the eligibility requirements for participating in the program. This application is to cover homeowners outside the levee who have had repetitive flooding (2 or more times).

All interested citizens who are interested in having their home acquired in a buy-out program, elevated, or relocated out of the flood plain area should plan to attend the hearing.

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THE 1999 TEEN MISS NEW BROCKTON pageant was held on April 24. The new 1999 Teen Miss New Brockton and alternates are: (L to R) 4th Alternate - Chastity Wood; 2nd Alternate - Tori Stone; 1999 Young Miss New Brockton - Vanessa Stuckey; 1st Alternate - Angel Miller; and 3rd Alternate - Caitlin White.



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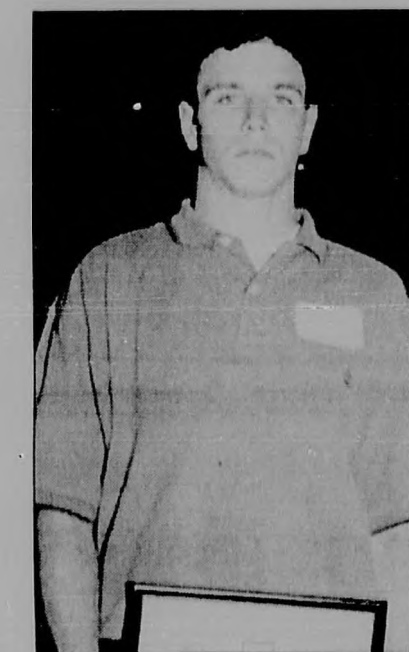
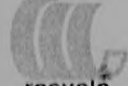


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DR. JACK HAWKINS JR., CHANCELLOR of Troy State University recently announced that Jessica Anderson of New Brockton is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award. This is a full academic scholarship that provides full tuition. She has also been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, as well as an All American Scholar. Jessica is the daughter of Phyllis Jackson of New Brockton and Ricky Anderson of Opp. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barnes of Kingston and Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Anderson of Opp.

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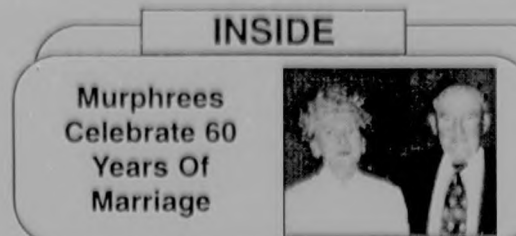
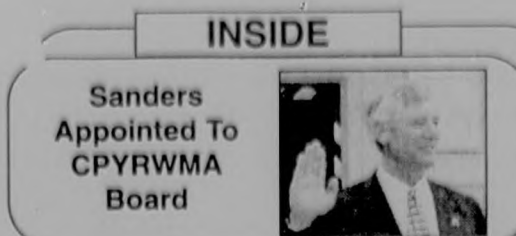
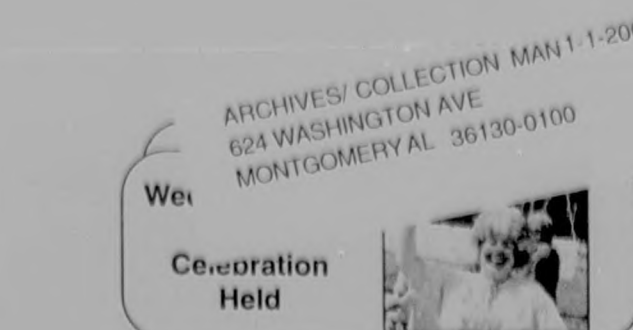
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BOARD APPROVES ALREADY TRIED EMERGENCY PLAN

County BOE Okays building plans

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education's monthly meeting last Thursday focused on the construction of 12 new classrooms. Six of the classrooms will be built on the New Brockton Elementary School campus with the remaining six on the Zion Chapel campus.

Bill Wallace, an architect with the firm of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood Inc. of Montgomery, went over the preliminary plans for the new facilities with board members and gave them an estimated cost of construction of \$903,000 or between \$75,000 and \$76,000 per classroom.

Wallace showed board members drawings which depicted the location of the new structure in relationship to the existing buildings already on campus. At each of the locations, the six classrooms will be housed in one building which will contain its own restroom facilities.

Each of the buildings will be joined to existing structures by a covered canopy. Also, the outside architectural design will be such that the new buildings will blend in with other buildings on the campus as much as practical. It was noted, with the whole-hearted approval of board members, that both buildings will have sloping roofs - not flat ones!

The architect said all the survey work had been completed which included the locating of existing field lines to the septic tanks. He told board members that soil testing

was now in progress to determine the foundation design of each structure.

Wallace stated that all schedules for the building program are being met, and he anticipates sending plans to contractors by mid-July for bidding purposes. He expects the construction of the two buildings (12 classrooms) to be completed within eight months after it begins.

After holding several questions from board members, Wallace left several sets of plans for them to review should they have any further questions and/or recommendations.

Turning to others matters on the meeting agenda, the board heard requests from Rachel Bryan, representing Zion Chapel's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Chapter and Marsha Martin, representing New Brockton's FBLA Chapter.

They both asked for financial assistance from the board in funding ZC's Parliamentary Procedure Team and NB's Paul McMonagle (state winner in Computer Concepts) attendance to the FBLA National Conference in Chicago, IL from June 28 to July 3. They will be in national competition while there.

The board approved \$500 (\$1,000 total) to go toward the expense of the trip. Each of the school's FBLA Chapters will raise the remainder of the funds necessary for the trip.

At the recommendation of Superintendent, Rodger Bowden, the board approved the county school system's Emergency Management Plan which was presented to them at the last board

meeting for review.

"We've already had an occasion to use this [Emergency Management Plan]," said Bowden. "We didn't have it approved by you, but we did utilize it when we had our incident at two of our schools last week. We think it was very beneficial in the way things were handled."

Bowden was referring to the bomb threat received at both New Brockton and Zion Chapel high schools on Monday, May 3. Both facilities were evacuated at that time, and procedures set forth in the plan were used as guidelines at that time.

The board approved the plan, and it will be submitted to the state (as required) for approval also.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, the board approved summer school for those students in the county system who have fallen behind in their studies and are considered to be at risk in dropping out of school. This will be offered at no cost to county students; however, others students from other school systems will be allowed to attend the summer classes for a nominal fee providing there is room for them to do so.

Prior to adjourning, the board approved, and/or accepted, several resignations and voluntary transfers. Out-of-state travel was also granted to fourth grade at New Brockton Elementary School. They will be going to the caverns in Marianna, Fla.

Elba police arrests New Brockton woman on 31 counts of second-degree forgery

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A New Brockton woman has been arrested by Elba police in connection with missing funds from a local business.

Tiffany Lynn Hutchison, 20, of 406 Fitzsimmons Street, New Brockton has been arrested and charged with thirty-one counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, the Elba Police Department has been conducting an investigation that began in April arising from a complaint filed with the department alleging that a large sum of money was missing from the business' account.

The investigation revealed that approximately \$46,900.64 had gone missing from the business account of Nisco Equipment Company located at 261 Plant Avenue in Elba. During the course of the investi-

gation, Inv. Senn said that it was discovered that several checks had been written on the company's business account, and company funds were received from these checks from SouthTrust Banks in Elba and Enterprise, The Peoples Bank in Elba and New Brockton, and a mobile home company in Dothan.

Inv. Senn stated that twenty-three checks totaling \$14,297.48 were processed at SouthTrust Bank in Elba and eight checks totaling \$4,550.00 were processed by The Peoples Bank in Elba. This made a total of \$18,847.48 which were illegally acquired in the jurisdiction of the Elba Division of Coffee County.

The appropriate authorities have been contacted in connection with the other forged instruments that were processed in New Brockton, Enterprise and Dothan.

At this time, Mrs. Hutchison remains in custody in the Coffee County Jail where she was taken

after her arrest (without incident) on May 13, 1999. Her bond has been set at \$155,000.00 - \$5,000 on each count.

The case is still under investigation.

NOTICE

ELBA RESCUE SQUAD, INC. ANNOUNCES TUESDAY THAT IT WOULD SUSPEND ITS OPERATION ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999, AT 7:00 A.M.

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, May 24, 1999, evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

AREA GRADUATION EXERCISES. Zion Chapel High School seniors will graduate 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 4, 1999, with commencement exercises being held in the football stadium. Kingston High School will hold graduation exercises (Baccalaureate Services) will be held Sunday, May 23, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium; on Thursday, June 3, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; New Brockton High School's graduation ceremony will be conducted in the football stadium at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 1999. In case of inclement weather, those schools holding commencement exercises in the stadiums will be moved to the auditoriums.

SHELBY TO ADDRESS RESIDENTS. U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby will address residents of Coffee and Dale counties at an AUSA event on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at 11:30 a.m. at the Officer's Club in Fort Rucker. He will be discussing his legislative agenda for the 106th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama.

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY. The 35th District of American Legion will be conducting a Flag Disposal ceremony on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at the American Legion Post in Samson, AL. This ceremony is available to all posts within the district and each post will be collecting unserviceable, worn and tattered U.S. Flags for proper disposal. Anyone posed of should contact their local American Legion Post or call their local Veterans Service Officer. In Coffee County call Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flags by the office located in the County Complex in New Brockton by Friday, May 28, 1999.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY OPENS ELBA OFFICE FULLTIME. District Attorney Mark Fuller has announced that he has opened the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office located in the Elba Courthouse on a full-time basis. Recent years of cuts in the budgets and State debt proration caused several cutbacks in the District Attorney's office that included a reduction of office hours in Elba. Fuller was pleased that he was recently able to change the office hours in Elba to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. "This is something that I had planned to do back in October and November of last year but did not do because I didn't want it to be interpreted as a political ploy to get votes during an election year," Fuller said. He feels this change will make the office more accessible to all the people of Coffee County. Anyone finding themselves in need of assistance from the District Attorney's Office is encouraged to come by or call. The District Attorney's Office is primarily responsible for criminal prosecution; however, a worthless check program, child support enforcement program, and victims services are important programs administered by the District Attorney's Office. Other employees of the DA's Office will be rotating in all three offices - Elba, Troy and Enterprise - while Ms. Heidi Bowers will maintain full-time status in Elba. Pictured above posting new office hours are: Heidi Bowers and District Attorney Mark Fuller.

Fuller appoints new assistant DA

The District Attorney's Office for the 12th Judicial Circuit has added a new member to its staff.

District Attorney Mark Fuller announced last week the appointment of Mary Weatherford Williams as an Assistant District Attorney.

In making the announcement, Fuller said he was very impressed with Ms. Williams' performance while she was attending the University of Alabama Law School. She finished in the upper twenty-five percent of her law class and served as an intern with the District Attorney's office between her junior and senior year.

Fuller stated that he is looking forward to Ms. Williams joining the District attorney staff and feels that she will be a true asset.

Ms. Williams graduated Magna Cum Laude in undergraduate school at the U of A and was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration.

She is currently engaged in the practice of law with her father, James Weatherford, and plans to continue working in the practice while serving as an Assistant District Attorney in a part-time capacity.

"I appreciate the confidence District Attorney Fuller has placed in me, and I look forward to working with his office and the law enforcement community," said Williams.

Judge Head sentences Carter to eight years in prison for stealing

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The sentencing of the woman who plead guilty in February to stealing \$2,876.22 from the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise took place last Thursday.

Circuit Judge Thomas Head pronounced sentence on Frances Carter of Samson following a sentencing hearing that lasted a little more than an hour. After her admission of guilt of the charges of theft of property in the first degree, Judge Head sentenced Carter to eight years in prison in a reversed split sentence. This means the first five years of the sentence are suspended with her being under supervised probation during that time. The final three years of the sentence are to be served in prison with the term beginning May 13, 2004. She will be allowed to petition the court to suspend the three years in prison should she choose to do so.

The judge also ordered her to pay court cost, \$250 to the crime victims' compensation fund, and payment for services rendered to her by her court appointed attorney.

The sentencing of Carter was the same as in the case of Susan McGlothlen. Both cases involved the stealing of public funds by employees in county offices and Judge Head viewed the two cases as being very similar; therefore, deserving of the same type punishment.

As in the McGlothlen sentence, Carter will be required to perform ten hours of community service per week for a period of one year with that service benefiting the people she stole from - the people of Coffee County and the state of Alabama.

Judge Head cautioned Carter, as he did McGlothlen, that her behavior while on probation must be exemplary if she has any hopes of having her final three year of prison time suspended.

News Brief

Coffee County's Relay for Life raised almost \$227,000.00 last weekend to be used by the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer and finding a cure for this dreaded disease. More than 5,000 persons attended the luminary lighting ceremony held at 10 p.m. Friday night on the track field at Enterprise Junior College. There were 67 campsites surrounding the field for those attending the 24-hour event.